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SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

The first and most important purpose of safety legislation is to reduce human suffering—to cut the shocking toll of needless injury, death and personal loss caused by industrial accidents, most of which are preventable.

Safety at work and at home is everybody's business, safety rules and regulations are for everyone's protection. Everyone should know how to do his job the safe way. Remember, safety begins with oneself—by deciding to be safe.

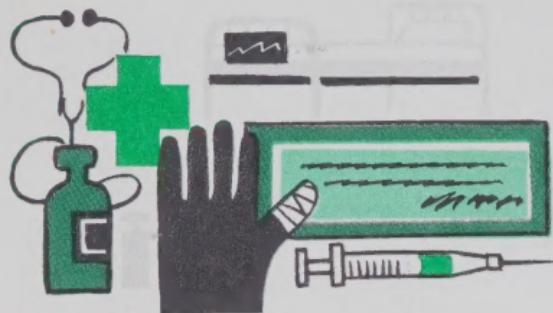


Safety should be our business at all times. Nothing we do is so important or so urgent that we cannot take time to do it safely. The accident we read or hear about today probably occurred because someone took his mind off his job or failed to take those few extra seconds to be safe.

Safety is a way of life. It guides our actions in whatever employment we may be engaged in, at home, on the street or at play. It includes our families, our friends and our neighbours. To us all, safe living means more productive days, bigger pay cheques and happier families.



The knowledge about safety in industries and other establishments that we have today has been gained after years of searching and researching, of trial and error and of failure and success. The more important element of safety is not so much economic as humanitarian. The cost in suffering to those injured and to their families



merits our most serious attention to safety work.

The key to any successful accident prevention program lies in the willingness of everyone involved to accept and carry out their responsibilities. Without that willingness, the most carefully planned accident prevention program will achieve only partial success.

Safety needs constant and consistent effort, not a spasmodic campaign with nothing in between. The price of safety is awareness and persistence.



Equipment and material wear out: the attention of employees wanders. This combination of equipment failure and inattention is the cause of most accidents. Few, if any, can be blamed on bad luck. Most can be prevented.

Therefore let us do everything the safe way, for safety is the mark of skill and good sense.



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about safety-
hear less about
accidents

